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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: IMAGE COMPRESSION METHOD, IMAGE  
COMPRESSION DEVICE, IMAGE  
TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, DATA  
COMPRESSION PRE-PROCESSING  
APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM

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Examiner: N. G. Patel

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Abstract** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.